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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OSE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 7, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DOUG OSE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) for 5 minutes.

### FISCAL 2005 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, in the days and hours preceding this body's passage of the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations bill on Saturday, November 20, we were assured and then reassured by the majority party that all controversial provisions had been stripped out of the 3,300-page document. Many of us were skeptical, but given those assurances, we in this body passed the bill nonetheless.

Mr. Speaker, never again. Sadly, our worst fears and suspicions were confirmed as evidenced by the action we

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ROBERT W. NEY, *Chairman.*

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